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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: KUWAIT IHAWK PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 265695 DTG 101828Z NOV 75

B. CDR MICOM 041400Z AUG 75 (NOTAL)

C. KUWAIT 4095 DTG 090550Z OCT 75 (NOTAL)

D. KUWAIT 4524 DTG 030600Z NOV 75 (NOTAL)

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G. KUWAIT 3255 DTG 090815Z AUG 75 (NOTAL)

H. KUWAIT 1824 DTG 280551Z APR 75 (NOTAL)

I. STATE 213357 DTG 271551 SEP 74 (NOTAL)

J. DA 301942Z JUL 75 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: EMBASSY PROVIDES ITS VIEWS ON FALTERING IHAWK  
PROGRAM AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TAKE ACTION TO EXPEDITE.  
END SUMMARY.

1. WE WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S APPRECIATION THAT KUWAIT IHAWK  
PROGRAM IS IN TROUBLE AND REQUIRES AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO  
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MEET PROJECTED SCHEDULES.

2. SCHEDULE FOR DEPLOYMENT STATED REFTEL A IS CORRECT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM WHEN DEPLOYED--NOTING THAT ESSENTIAL RADIO EQUIPMENT (AN/TRC-145 LINE 29, CASE UAH) WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER DEPLOYMENT OF SECOND BATTERY. SUGGEST DA BE ASKED TO REVIEW THIS MATTER AND ASSESS IMPACT ON TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY OF KUWAIT IHAWK BATTALION.

3. THE THREE AREAS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL A ARE INDEED IMPORTANT AND MUST BE ADDRESSED WITH DECISIONS MADE. CURRENT STATUS OF EACH DISCUSSED BELOW:

A. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT: THE MATTER OF INTERFACE WITH TPS-32 AND THE TSQ-73 IS AN INTERESTING ONE. IN REFTEL B MICOM STATED: QUOTE THE UNITED STATES ARMY DOES NOT PRESENTLY USE, OR TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE ANY FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR, THE TPS-32 RADAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH AIR DEFENSE. THERE IS NO CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OF, OR ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENT FOR, REMOTED RADARS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AIR DEFENSE CONTROL AND COORDINATION. UNQUOTE. THE DEFINITION AND DESIGN OF AN OVERALL COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE AIR CONTROL/AIR DEFENSE ASPECT, IS ONE WHICH WE HAVE PURSUED VIGOROUSLY WITH KUWAIT'S MINDEF FOR OVER TWO YEARS. AS STATED REFTEL C, IT IS NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR THAT THE TPS-32 SHOULD BE INTERFACED WITH THE TSQ-73. THIS IS A COMPLEX MATTER REQUIRING STUDY BY EXPERTS LOOKING AT FIGHTER AIR DEFENSE, CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC, FRIENDLY AIR OPERATIONS, ETC., AS WELL AS MISSILE AIR DEFENSE. AFTER LONG EFFORT, I BELIEVE WE FINALLY HAVE CONVINCED GOK MINDEF THIS MUST BE DONE. ACTION HAS BEEN INITIATED BY GOK TO GET THIS DIFFICULT MATTER SUFFICIENTLY DEFINED TO PROCEED. HOWEVER, AS STATED IN REFTEL C, THE BOUNDS OF THE IHAWK PROGRAM AND WITH THE TSQ-73 INTEGRATED WITH THE IHAWK BATTERIES. INTEGRATION OF MSL AD WITH AN OVERALL AIR CONTROL/AD SYSTEM DEFINITELY IS NEEDED. HOWEVER, EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF THE IHAWK PROJECT NOW ONLY WOULD TEND TO ADD ANOTHER UNDEFINED IMPACT TO AN ALREADY FALTERING PROGRAM. WE RECOMMEND IT BE HANDLED SEPARATELY.

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B. CONSTRUCTION: REFTEL D PROVIDED LATEST STATUS OF GOK DESIRES RE CONSTRUCTION AND EMBASSY VIEWS ON MATTER. REFTEL E PROVIDED PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO CASE HAH. ON 5NOV75, DURING A VISIT BY COL WILLIAMS (DIVENGR, USAEDM), GOK DESIRES WERE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS WORDING PROPOSED IN REFTEL F WHICH EMBASSY BELIEVES MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH GOK AND COE. REPLY TO REFTEL F NOT YET RECEIVED. STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE CSMF AND, PROBABLY, THE

ENTIRE PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN A DAY-FOR-DAY SLIP SINCE 09AUG75. DISCUSSIONS ON THE CONSTRUCTION AGENT CAN TAKE PLACE WHILE THE BUILDING IS BEING DESIGNED, WITHOUT USG FORCING A PROGRAM DELAY ON GOK. AS STATED REFTEL D, WE ARE NOT OVERLY CONFIDENT WE CAN FIND A POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE (TO GOK) FORMULA. HOWEVER, IF WE CAN RETAIN GOK GOODWILL THERE IS A POSSIBILITY. PRESENT COURSE OF ACTION MAY NEGATE THIS POSSIBILITY.

C. LOGISTIC SUPPORT: FOLLOWING IS STATUS, AS SEEN LOCALLY: (USG HAS ACTION RESPONSIBILITY IN ALL BUT ITEM (7))

(1) SPARE PARTS

STATUS - SPARE PARTS LISTED (SLAC DECK-APPROX 40,000 LINE ITEMS) APPROVED BY GOK JULY.

(2) MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR IHAWK

STATUS - MOST INCLUDED CASE UCY, SOME IN CASE UAH.

(3) VEHICLES AND MISC. EQUIPMENT

STATUS: REVISED CASE UCT IN PREPARATION.

(4) CSMF

STATUS: GOK HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED USG PROVIDE DESIGN PACKAGE; ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION AGENCY (GOK OF USG) UNRESOLVED.

(5) PUBLICATIONS

STATUS: INITIAL SET PROMISED BY MICOM PROGRAM MANAGER NOT YET RECEIVED. GOK NOW STARTING PUBS LIBRARY.

(6) FOLLOW-ON SPARE PARTS REPLENISHMENT

STATUS: GOK POLICY DECISION MADE (REF H)

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(7) TECHNICAL CHANGES

STATUS: FMS CASE FOR MWO'S ACCEPTED BY GOK; APPROVAL  
OF TWO CHANGES PENDING.

(8) LOAN & REWORK OF MISSILE CONTAINERS

STATUS: FMS CASE REQUIRED; NOT PRESENTED.

(9) DEPOT LEVEL TEST OF MISSILES

STATUS: REQUIRED FOR PERIODIC CHECK OF MISSILE  
READINESS AT TRMF. LOA PRESUMABLY REQUIRED.

4. IN MEETING 11NOV WITH CH USLOK, CDR KUWAIT AIR DEFENSE  
FORCE AND HIS SR EGYPTIAN ADVISOR AGAIN STRONGLY PRESSED  
FOR REMAINDER OF IHAWK CASES AND RESTATED THAT GOK WANTS  
REMAINING CASES AS A PACKAGE, WITH COMPLETE BACKUP INFORMATION,  
NOT ONE OR TWO AT A TIME. CASES KNOWN TO BE OUTSTANDING  
ARE THOSE FOR:

(1) TRAINING (UCQ)

(2) CSMF EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT (UCY)

(3) AUTOMOTIVE AND MISC EQUIP (UCT)

(4) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT (UDL)

(5) MISSILE CONTAINER REWORK (UCV)

(6) DIRECT REQUISITIONING PROCEDURE SPARE PARTS CASE

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(NOT TIME CRITICAL)

(7) DESIGN OF CSMF (HAH), AS DISCUSSED ABOVE.

5. EARLY FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOK AND PROGRAM  
MANAGER'S OFFICE HAVE BEEN HELD AND HAVE NOT BEEN SATISFACTORY  
FROM GOK VIEWPOINT (WE HAVE A FORMAL COMPLAINT FROM MINDEF).  
REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON TSQ-73 AND IHAWK  
TM'S WERE MADE--BUT INFO HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. FIRING  
SITE LOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY JAN TEAM NOT ENDORSED  
BY JULY TEAM. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS  
GOK POSITION AGAINST MORE PIECEMEAL DISCUSSIONS AND  
DESIRE FOR FULL PROGRAM PACKAGE, WITH COMPLETE BACKUP  
INFORMATION, BEFORE ANY MORE TEAMS COME TO KUWAIT.  
BRIEFING TEAM IS REQUIRED AFTER GOK HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY  
TO STUDY REMAINING IHAWK CASES AND BACKUP MATERIAL AND  
WE REQUEST THEY BE MADE AVAILABLE ASAP.

6. IN SEPTEMBER 1974, DEPARTMENT PROVIDED FOLLOWING  
ASSURANCE IN REFTEL I WHICH WE GAVE TO MINDEF: QUOTE  
WHEN CASE UAH IS SIGNED, WE SHALL RESPOND AS EXPEDITIOUSLY  
AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE TIMELY AND SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO

TOTAL KUWAIT AIR DEFENSE REQUIREMENT. UNQUOTE. CASE UAH SIGNED 07NOV74. IN ADDITION TO SCHEDULE DELAYS, REFTEL J ALREADY HAS IDENTIFIED A COST INCREASE OF DOLLARS 960 THOUSAND ATTRIBUTABLE TO USG ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS. CURRENTLY, EMASSY IS INFORMED THAT, IF CASES UCY AND UCQ ARE NOT SIGNED BY 15DEC75, COST WILL ESCALATE ANOTHER DOLLARS 2 MILLION.

7. WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONCUR THAT AGGRESSIVE ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN. HOWEVER, BELIEVE SCENE OF ACTION REMAINS CONUS. PRESENT COMMITMENT IS TO THE IHAWK PROGRAM. CREEPING EXPANSION INTO AREA OF AIR CONTROL IS A CONTINUATION OF THE PIECEMEAL APPROACH WE HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF TO DATE.

8. ACTION REQUESTED:

- A. FORWARD FMS CASES TO COMPLETE THE IHAWK PROGRAM, AS GOK HAS REQUESTED;
  - B. PROVIDE COMPLETE BACKUP INFORMATION FOR THESE CASES FOR GOK STUDY, AS GOK HAS REQUESTED;
  - C. AFTER COMPLETION OF GOK STUDY OF INFORMATION DESCRIBED
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- (A) AND (B) ABOVE, SEND APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL ASAP TO DISCUSS/NEGOTIATE AS DESIRED BY GOK. (AUTHORITY FOR MAKING CHANGES TO DD 1513'S ON SITE AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS IS ESSENTIAL.)
- D. ADVISE DOD THAT CHIEF USLOK RECOMMENDS AGAINST A VISIT TO KUWAIT BY COL SMALL AT THIS TIME.
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